

**DRAFT**  
**EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE**  
**FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017– 6:30 P.M.**

| <b>Members</b>                 | <b>Attendance</b> | <b>April 2015- APRIL 2016</b> |               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
|                                |                   | <b>Present</b>                | <b>Absent</b> |
| Austin Scott, chair            | P                 | 12                            | 3             |
| Towana Bonaparte               | A                 | 08                            | 7             |
| Dr. Ciara L. Bostick           | P                 | 08                            | 7             |
| Maureen S. Dinnen              | P                 | 11                            | 4             |
| Dale Fulton                    | P                 | 03                            | 1             |
| Jennifer Gordon                | A                 | 09                            | 4             |
| Spencer Jenkins                | A                 | 01                            | 5             |
| Deniece Jones                  | P                 | 10                            | 5             |
| Jennifer L. Kimmey, vice chair | P                 | 11                            | 4             |
| Dr. Maureen Persi              | P                 | 10                            | 5             |
| Betty Shelley                  | P                 | 06                            | 6             |
| Dr. Barbara Signer             | A                 | 05                            | 1             |
| Dr. Stefan Weiss               | A                 | 02                            | 2             |
| M. Elaine Wilson               | P                 | 08                            | 5             |
| Lauren Wood                    | A                 | 04                            | 8             |

**Appointed Members to the Board: 15**  
**Needed to constitute a quorum: 8**

**Staff**

Junia Robinson, Staff Liaison

Charles Webster, Broward County Public School Liaison

**I. Opening and Pledge of Allegiance – Chair, Austin Scott**

**II. Attendance by Roll Call – Chair, Austin Scott**

**III. Determination of quorum**

As of this date, February 16<sup>th</sup> there are 15 appointed members to the board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum. At this time, there is a quorum.

**MOTION** by Ms. Maureen Dinnen, seconded by Ms. Elaine Wilson to amend the November 17, 2016 minutes to reflect that vice-chair, Ms. Jennifer Kimmey was present at this meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** by Ms. Betty Shelley, seconded by Ms. Maureen Dinnen, that the said minutes for November 17, 2016 be approved. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** by Ms. Elaine Wilson, seconded by Mr. Dale Fulton, that the said minutes for January 19, 2017 be approved. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** by Ms. Maureen Dinnen, seconded by Betty Shelley that the Board will recognize former EAB members, Mrs. Edna Elijah and Mr. Gregory Boardman at the December 06<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting at 6pm. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** by Ms. Betty Shelley, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Kimmey that the said minutes for August 18<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup>, and October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 be approved. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** by Ms. Elaine Wilson and seconded by Ms. Jennifer Kimmey that the EAB meeting scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> is cancelled to attend the joint City Commission School Board meeting scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at City Hall.

**MOTION** by Ms. Maureen Dinnen seconded by Mr. Dale Fulton that The Education Advisory Board is asking for City Staff to post a news link or a page as they deem appropriate with a direct link to the Smart (Safety Music & Art Athletics Renovation Technology) bond program, as Broward County Public Schools have a page with regular updates on the Smart bond program.

**MOTION** by Ms. Maureen Dinnen seconded by Ms. Deniece Jones that Mr. Austin Scott be nominated as Chair of the Education Advisory Board. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** by Chair Austin Scott seconded by Mr. Dale Fulton that Ms. Jennifer Kimmey be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Education Advisory Board. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- IV. Guest Introductions:** Mr. Brian Haggerty and Mr. Chris Maiorino,  
**BH Training & Consulting, Successful Skills Now**  
 Ms. Shirley D. Baker, Program Manager, Mentoring  
 tomorrow's Leaders, **Broward County Public Schools**

Dr. Persi introduced the first guest speakers, she stated “as I mentioned last month, I had become familiar with a program that has to do with character education and manners, and people skills and it really took my interest and I brought it to your attention and I asked if the Board would be interested in having a presentation. I am very proud to introduce Mr. Brian Haggerty and Mr. Chris Maiorino as our guest speakers tonight and they are going to tell us more about this program and it seems like a common sense thing that we all thought we knew and learn from our parents but nowadays lots of things have changed in our culture with social interaction, so thank you for coming.

Mr. Brian Haggerty began his presentation by greeting the Board and announcing that this program is already in one of the schools in Broward County. He stated “it had begun this year in Attucks middle school, thanks in part to a grant we received from the Broward Educational foundation as well as the Miami Marlins who supported this program loved the idea of it and also who have pledged to continue to support this program for each and any school in the district which is interested in incorporating this program”.

Mr. Haggerty gave the Board some background information on himself by saying “I am from New Jersey my background is not necessarily education although I am the son of a school teacher for 45 years”. He also said “I was in politics and I served as Commissioner first with the department of Public works and then for the department of Public Affairs for the township in New Jersey”. As he was working for the department of Public Affairs his mother suggested he come up with a program on manners. Mr. Haggerty said “when the time had come, as the Director of Public Affairs I created this program where we taught some basic manners and social skills dinning etiquette, proper handshakes and introductions, really knowing how to handle yourself in a social situation” (see PowerPoint presentation attached).

Ms. Jones introduced the second guest speaker by saying “I suggested we invite Ms. Baker to give a presentation on her program that is working wonders in our schools. She came out to my school (Forest Glen Middle School) and spoke with me and a

few of my colleagues to get the program going. I am glad she is here so she can tell you all the good news they have done in Broward County”.

Ms. Shirley Baker began her presentation by greeting the Board and saying “thank you very much for having us and with me is Mr. Pierre Senior and he is the associate program manager we are a staff of three, we have a staff assistant at the District office Student Services Department. The name of the program is Mentoring Tomorrow’s Leaders and now it is funded by the School board of Broward County (see PowerPoint presentation attached).

## **V. Current Business**

**A.** Mr. Webster began his announcements with “the charter committees have begun to meet the project charter that’s part of the SMART program in essence is going to be community meetings. We have not scheduled a community meeting yet for a school in Fort Lauderdale however; looking at my list Dillard 6-12, Lauderdale Manors, New River Middle, Sunrise Middle, Whiddon-Rodgers will be coming up shortly within the next few months.

We have our next Gen Engage meeting for district 2 which will be Pembroke Pines middle school scheduled for next Thursday. The next Gen Engage meeting for district 3, Mrs. Brinkworth will be March 09<sup>th</sup> at Stranahan High School starting at 5:30pm. The district 5 meeting, which is Dr. Osgood, will be at Plantation High school and again these are continuation of conversations with the district except the focus are on students.

The legislative session will start on March 07<sup>th</sup>, we have some priorities and I will spell these out very quickly. “There’s concern for funding at the State level for how many dollars we will actually have, priorities have changed and we are hoping for some conditional FTE dollars but we are really hoping we don’t lose any funding. He continued by saying “the Governor’s budget actually showed an increase in dollars probably due to taxable value.

Testing as you know is a big issue and we are always trying to reduce that and one of the things we are looking at is trying to go back to a paper pencil

test which will increase class time which will actually help them learn what they are supposed to learn in the classroom rather than learn how to take the test on the computer". Mr. Webster also announced the next Coalition of Education Advisory Board meeting scheduled for March 02<sup>nd</sup> at Plantation High School.

Chair Scott asked a guest to introduce himself Ash Benzo, Treasurer with the City of Fort Lauderdale who was in attendance observing the meeting.

#### **B. Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Association report**

Ms. Betty Shelley announced Neighbor Support Night was a great affair. The next Council of civic Association meeting is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>. She continued by saying "I managed to get Mr. Runcie to come again and that's at 6:30pm here in this room". She also reported the upcoming Neighborhood Leadership Academy, hosted by the City Manager's office which is a training program. She said thus far, 35 applications have been submitted for this leadership academy. Ms. Betty shared "a person who was on this board many, many years ago and was a teacher Ms. Lu Deaner is currently in hospice. She worked very hard for a park in her area and Commissioner Dean Trantalis is working very hard to get the park named in her honor. She has asked about the Board and has since called her family and it is being worked to get this park named after her.

Ms. Elaine Wilson suggested the board draft a letter to Commissioner Trantalis supporting the park being named after Ms. Lu Deaner. Chair Austin Scott said the Board can prepare a Communication to Commission.

#### **C. City Staff update**

Junia Robinson announced the success of Neighbor Support Night and stated that Broward County Public Schools participated at the event.

She also announced that she will try to work on Caliber Award tickets for the Board this year.

### **VI. Communication to Commission**

**MOTION** by Ms. Elaine Wilson seconded by Ms. Betty Shelley that **The** Education Advisory Board encourages City Commission and Staff to consider the Park renaming for Ms. Lu Deaner in consideration of her many years of service to the Education Advisory Board. In a voice vote, the motion unanimously passed.

**VII. New/Future Business**

**VIII. Closing**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2017

City hall, 8<sup>th</sup> floor conference room